

Dream Bag

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Outfit Your Bag with the Best of the Best

This month's dream bag features something from just about everyone, plus it rounds off with a great piece of outerwear that I've been "testing" since early March (if almost daily use for everything from golf to grocery runs qualifies as testing). So please, read on, and see if any of these items meet your dreams for better equipment and a better game...



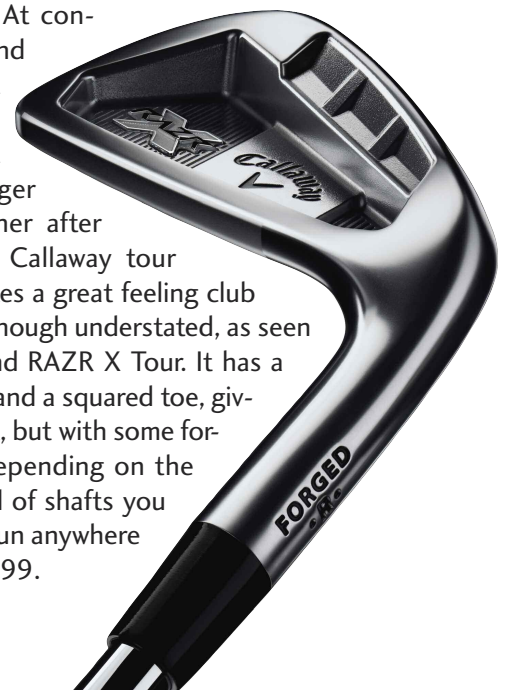
Titleist jumped into the adjustability game when it recently introduced their new line of **Titleist 910 drivers**. The clubhead comes in two all-titanium models, the 910D2 and the 910D3. The D2 is meant for most golfers, with a full 460cc head and a medium-high ball flight. The D3 version, on the other hand, has a lower ball flight in a more compact 445cc head. The adjustability is what is most interesting though. By using two sleeves in the hosel, each with 4 settings, the club can be adjusted for loft or lie into 16 different configurations.

Besides the adjustability, the club also has improved clubhead weighting to increase overall stability, making the 910 line of drivers a more forgiving option for most golfers than the 909 predecessors. The fairway woods feature all the same great innovations and come in two styles as well: a traditional compact head 910F and a larger, deeper clubhead in the 910Fd. The drivers cost \$399 at most outlets with the fairway woods setting you back at least \$249. If you don't know what you are doing when you look at the somewhat complex table of adjustment settings from A1 through D4, don't worry – that's what golf pros and fitters are for. Let them help you find the right set up for you and your game.

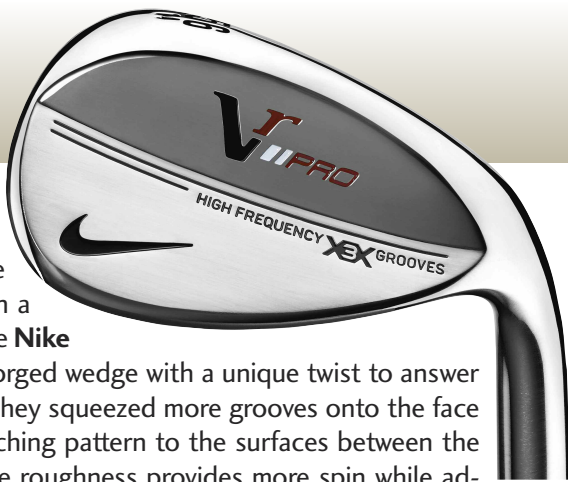


A brand new item that was introduced late this spring is the **TaylorMade Rescue 11 hybrid**. With the same popular matte white finish seen on the R11 drivers and fairway woods, the Rescue 11 is a great club that has features that go well beyond that cool paint job. For starters, it has a somewhat compact head – this isn't one of those fairway-wood-like hybrids that struggles to get through rough. It also has TaylorMade's hosel adjustability allowing changes to be made at the turn of a wrench to modify the club's face angle (open or closed), lie (upright or flat), and loft (up to two degrees). The Rescue 11 comes in four lofts from a very strong 16 degrees up to 23.5 degrees effectively allowing you to replace your 2-iron (if you even have one) up to your 5-iron. The club runs \$189 or \$219 for the TP version. Try these out and don't be afraid to give a white-headed club a try – you just might like it.

If you liked their previous series of X irons, you'll absolutely love the new **Callaway RAZR X irons** that come in three configurations: the RAZR X, RAZR X Tour, and RAZR X Forged. The standard RAZR X is a game improvement iron that looks great but is even more forgiving than its predecessor, the X-22. That's because they moved 30 grams of weight around in the clubhead to make it more stable and more forgiving, but they did it in such a way that the club doesn't look too clunky. Plus it has cool graphics and a cooler name. The Tour version has a smaller head and less offset, but is also more forgiving than its predecessor, the X-22 Tour, while not looking like it. At address, it looks great. At contact, it performs, feels, and sounds great. The last version in the family is the RAZR X Forged that Callaway designer Roger Cleveland pulled together after consulting with several Callaway tour players. The forging makes a great feeling club with all the features, although understated, as seen in the cast RAZR X and RAZR X Tour. It has a sharper leading edge and a squared toe, giving it a blade-like look, but with some forgiveness built in. Depending on the style and what kind of shafts you want, these irons run anywhere from \$699 to \$899.



We all know the short game is important, and a good way to upgrade your short game is with a great set of wedges. The **Nike VR Pro wedges** are a forged wedge with a unique twist to answer the new groove rules. They squeezed more grooves onto the face and added a cross-hatching pattern to the surfaces between the grooves. That extra face roughness provides more spin while adhering to the USGA's new condition for competition rules. Those grooves, plus the softness of the forged construction help these wedges impart a substantial amount of spin on the ball. They are brand new, just introduced in April, and should be on anyone's list to check out. They come in ten different bounce and loft combinations from 48 degrees all the way to a couple 60 degree options. The two finish options are satin chrome and brushed oxide raw (a soft black unfinished look). A single wedge will run about \$120.



Very rarely do you see a great product and then when you look at the price you just cannot believe they sell it for so cheap...but it happens. It happened recently when we checked out the **Cleveland Classic BRZ putter** series. The most obvious feature on this great value is the putter's finish. The hand-polished bronze colored finish has a classic, throwback look to it, but the copper-infused face insert is cutting edge technology. The insert is made from lighter material which distributes more mass in the toe and heel for forgiveness, while the copper-infused covering on the insert gives it a solid, but soft feel. That makes for a unique combination and one most golfers will like. Four heads (two heel-toe weighted blade and two mallet designs) are available and this putter only runs \$89.99 at most golf retailers, making it our new, top putter for under \$100.



The **Sunice Zephal Typhoon Omaha jacket** is one of those things you pick up, try on, and then start discovering. Everywhere you look there is a well-designed feature, some of which are very unique and very useful. First, it's waterproof and very light weight. Secondly, it might be the best zippered jacket for golf. If you hate pullovers, but don't like full length zippers getting in the way, this is a jacket to check out. Their Pro Trim waist cinching system helps tighten the jacket around the back just under the rib cage. The cinch cords are neatly concealed within the pockets and the jacket gathers in back when cinched – keeping excess fabric out of your way while pulling the flexible zipper in tight to your body for a snug fit that moves with you throughout your swing. With all this great design, the Omaha jacket isn't cheap, but likely worth it at about \$150.



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